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Letter from the President

Stop N Shop...New Town Hall...\$5
million capital budget... New
Council on Aging... Unrestrained
Housing Growth... Build Out

Will Truro stay a peaceful place you
came to love???

The issues above are being actively debated in committee and town meetings. As a member of TNRTA, you are a participant in the dialogue. The Truro Non-Resident Taxpayers Association (TNRTA) is the year-round voice and information source for seasonal residents. If you care about Truro, now in this time of rapid change is the time to make your voice heard.

We keep you informed via newsletters, e-mail alerts and through our web site. We meet twice each summer and offer you the opportunity to speak directly with the Selectmen. We offer testimony and input on various proposed town projects – a Stop 'N Shop on the Noons property, renovation of Jams, jet ski ban, zoning changes. Our web site offers up-to-date information on town meetings, town bylaws, contact information on officials, news, community organizations, and a special section with how-to

information for Massachusetts residents on registering to vote in Truro.

Over the five years of our existence, our numbers have been rising (to nearly 400 families) and our budget has been break-even – income from dues and contributions has equaled expenses from newsletters, membership mailings and meetings. However recent changes make a dues increase necessary. The hard working group of volunteer board members has been supplemented by some paid staff. In addition, the TNRTA web site, a powerful communication tool, is also an expensive one, needing time, effort and money to keep it current. The Board voted to raise dues only enough to cover our anticipated expenses - to \$35 a year per family.

We ask for your continued support. Our strength is in numbers. The growth continues. Have a say in how Truro changes and develops.

In July, 2001, I retire as president of TNRTA. Working with the organization has been a commitment to community and a valuable learning experience that I treasure. I am indebted to the other members of the board of directors, a talented, devoted group of activists, who have given support, counsel and their valuable time. I look forward to becoming a “civilian” member of TNRTA and continuing the dialogue with all of you.

Mary Frankel



April Town Meeting

Truro Town Meeting took place on April 24 and 25, 2001. Some items on the warrant were related to town growth, an area of particular concern to TNRTA's members based on our biannual surveys. Unfortunately these items failed to gain the needed majority. In the case of the **growth management bylaw** with a building cap of 40 permits per year, the vote fell just 6 votes short of the needed 2/3rds majority: 96 in favor, 56 opposed.

The **lot coverage zoning bylaw** limiting the amount of habitable space, or house “footprint,” to no more than 10% of the lot's total area and a zoning provision limiting the **area of impervious surface** to 15% of the lot's total area also failed.

The **Development Agreement bylaw**---a proposal to delay referral of a large subdivision to the Cape Cod Commission until after a Town Meeting vote of approval of the subdivision plan---was indefinitely postponed. Such a bylaw could refer to the Noons property at the juncture of Route 6 and 6A being considered for commercial development and location of a Stop 'N Shop supermarket. It is possible that the item will be brought up again at a Special Town Meeting in July or September, 2001. Increase of **membership on the Board of Health** failed; as did recognition of development and a site review hearing for the **Highland Center for the Arts and Environment**, and an article for **mandatory recycling**.

The town will acquire two **Open Space properties** through Land Bank Funds: the Duarte property at 20 Truro Center Rd. for \$195,000 and the Meldahl property on Route 6 (part of the Greenbelt) for \$53,300.

A trust fund for **affordable housing** will be established. Proceeds from the sale of the former **N. Truro fire station property** located on Route 6A will go to this fund.

The establishment and enforcement of **handicapped parking** in town and the **domestic partnership** bylaw passed.

A **budget** of \$8.82 million including a **tax increase** of \$690,000, and the hiring of a **part-time planner** were approved, subject to an override vote in the May 8th election.



What's New In Truro?

Town Hall: At the January Special Town Meeting the vote was split almost 50-50 on whether the existing Town Hall should be renovated on the existing site or rebuilt on a new site demonstrating continuing disagreement on this issue after ten years of discussion. In addition, an article to fund the relocation of Town Hall employees with \$38,000 was indefinitely postponed. A few weeks later the COA, Council on the Aging, withdrew agreement to be located

in the renovated or new Town Hall and is seeking to build their new space on the Saada property near the Truro Public Library. Principal Brian Davis of

the Truro Central School proposed creating a community campus by giving the existing school building over to Town Hall, the COA, and a town recreational center, and building a new preschool-8th grade school at another location on the site. Finally it was decided that John Goodrich, representative of the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution, be hired as a facilitator who will mediate the issue through a series of public forums and possibly help the town voters reach a decision.

Highland Golf Course: Truro is still hoping to keep the concession at the Highland Golf Course. The lease has been held by the town for the past 35 years and has provided an important source of revenue for the town. The town received a reprieve from the U.S. Park Service and will keep its current lease until Dec. 31, 2001, but it is still required to participate in the single bid process due June 8, 2001 for the 2002 lease. There are several other potential bidders. Representative William Delahunt is working to gain the town a permanent exemption from the recently passed bidding rules.

Personal Water Craft: The National Park Service has ruled a ban on the use of PWCs also known as JetSkis in the National Seashore. It has followed that Cape Cod towns are now considering adopting such a ban in local waters. Several towns including Provincetown, Wellfleet, and Eastham have formally indicated support of a ban. There is a concern that use of PWCs will be centered in the towns that do not adopt such a ban. Truro held a public meeting on this issue in March. No decision was reached by the selectmen. They will hold another public meeting in July to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to participate in the discussion. TNRTA will be sending notices regarding date and time and will gather opinions through an e-mail petition.





TRURO PROFILES

Truro is an inconsistent town. Some say yes to Town Hall on Monday and no on Tuesday. Some think 'rural!' Wednesday and 'suburban' on Thursday; some Fridays it rains; some Fridays it fries. But one constant the residents of Perry's Hill Way in South Truro can depend on seven days a week, rain or shine... is that **George and Ilse Sakheim** eat lunch at one o'clock!

The Sakheims have been summering in Truro for over twenty-five years. "We sailed out of Wellfleet into the Pamet Harbor and were attracted by the quiet, unspoiled beauty of the rural landscape...we were thrilled with the high majestic dune, Longnook and Ballston beaches and the wonderful swimming at Fisher Beach and Corn Hill. We loved the Pamet for canoeing and sailing with its grasses and birds. When we first came to the Cape, we rented a cottage near Fisher Beach. After many years of admiring the sunsets from Old County Road we found land where we could build." Al Kaufman designed a non-traditional cape which they built on a hilltop between Holsberry Lane and Mill Pond Road.

Ilse and George were both born in Germany but didn't meet until they were working in New York City in the late forties. They married in 1950. When the Nazis came into power, George fled Hamburg for Palestine with his mother. He came to America in 1938. During WWII he first served in military intelligence in Europe and then as an interpreter at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. After earning a Ph.D. in psychology, he worked in New England and in Westchester County for the VA and opened a private practice in Manhattan. Since 1980 he has researched and written extensively on high risk fire setters. Before his recent retirement he was a consultant to many private social service agencies and to the State of New York.

To escape the Nazis, Ilse emigrated to England when she was thirteen and lived there during WWII. She came to the States in 1948, married George and after raising two children, became a certified psychiatric social worker. Ilse trained and

supervised social work students and by the time she retired in '92, she was an adjunct professor at NYU.

The Sakheims consider themselves lucky to have found such a "rare gem of a place" and are very happy that so much of Truro is protected by the National Seashore.

"...Truro is one of the most beautiful places on earth and we are thankful that the National Seashore has helped preserved it," says artist **Tina Tarantal**, a summer resident for thirty years. The house and studio which Steve and Tina built with their own hands in the early '70s stands on the "Hill of Storms" above the Truro Center for the Arts.

"An architect friend designed it and it took us three summers to build. The first summer we lived there it was hit by lightning. Luckily, Steve put out the fire just in time, preventing all our hard work from going up in smoke."

The Tarantals live in Philadelphia and are both artists and educators. Steve has been the Dean of Philadelphia College of Art and Design, The University of the Arts for fifteen years. A designer and painter, he has been on the faculty since '69. During the summer he serves on the Artists' Advisory Board at Castle Hill. Tina, a professor at the University of the Art, teaches design and sculpture. This year she is Co-Director of Castle Hill where she has taken classes "for as long as I can remember" and has been a board member for six years.

"Many of the people we admire, our closest, oldest friends are in Truro. Every year we look forward to picking up where we left off the previous August. Our adult son Eli and daughter Erika who just graduated from Connecticut College, are both good swimmers and got their start in the Truro Rec program. We have traveled the roads between Philadelphia and Truro from a best time of 7 hours to two days during a blizzard."

~~~~~Any member of TNRTA who would like to share a bit of personal history with us, contact us through [www.tnrta.org](http://www.tnrta.org) or write to TNRTA, PO Box 324, Truro, MA 02666.

Wendy Levine



## **VOTING IN TRURO**

TNRTA has often encouraged its members to register to vote in Truro in order to express their opinions on certain issues which affect seasonal residents as well as those who live in Truro as year-rounders. We have formulated a guide to changing voter registration for **Massachusetts** residents. It describes the steps one must take in order to change his or her Massachusetts voter registration to Truro. One must be registered to vote in Truro 20 days before a Town Meeting and 10 days before a Special Town Meeting. For additional information, go to our Web site, [www.TNRTA.org](http://www.TNRTA.org) to read an article on voting in Truro by Fred Schilpp, a member who has registered to vote in Truro.

### **CHANGING VOTER REGISTRATION TO TRURO FOR MASSACHUSETTS VOTERS**

1. Obtain and fill out "Mail-In Voter Registration" form available from the Massachusetts Secretary of State Elections Division, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA 02108-1512, (617) 727-2828 and (800) 462-VOTE.
2. Mail to the Board of Registrars or Election Commission, Truro, MA 02666
3. The form allows you to change your address for voter registration: to designate the address where you choose to vote (item #5 on the form) that is different from the "address where you receive all your mail."
4. By signing the form, you affirm that you consider the residence you designate (where you choose to vote) to be your home.
5. The Secretary of State also has available a free 22 page pamphlet entitled "Residence for Voting Purposes."
6. Each registered voter everywhere in Massachusetts must complete and return a local annual street listing form, listing residence as of January 1 each year. Failure to do so results in removal from the "active voting list" of the City or Town.
7. You may not vote locally in more than one Massachusetts City or Town at the same time.
8. You must be registered to vote in Truro at least 20 days prior to an election or town meeting (at least 10 days before a Special Town Meeting).

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***Join us ~ TNRTA meets
Sat. June 30 ~~ 10:00 a.m.
Truro Public Library***
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### **TNRTA Board Elections**

TNRTA members will elect members to its board  
at the Sixth Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 30, 2001.  
New board nominees are **Mason Morfit** and **Larry Pisapio**.  
Current and past board members running for re-election are

**Alan Bergman, Alice Bergman, Alan Frankel, Wendy Levine, Larry Parcell, and Fred Schilpp.**



*Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro is offering TNRTA members, their families and visitors, a 20% discount on all tickets for their 2001 season. When buying tickets, sign in as a TNRTA member and you will receive the 20% discount. You may view the lineup of performances on the Payomet website [www.ppactruro.org], contact them by e-mail [guystrauss@capecod.net], or by telephone at the box office [508-487-5400].*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Sat  | June 30 <sup>th</sup>   | TNRTA Annual Membership Meeting      | 10:00 AM | Truro Public Library |
| TBA  | July                    | Public Meet/ PWC (JetSki) Regulation | TBA      | TBA                  |
| Wed  | July 25 <sup>th</sup>   | TNA Annual State of Town Meeting     | TBA      | TBA                  |
| Wed  | Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Health Care Services/Outer Cape      | TBA      | Truro Central Sch    |
| Sat  | August 18 <sup>th</sup> | Household Hazardous Waste Collection |          | Transfer Station     |
| Tues | August 21 <sup>st</sup> | TNRTA/Bd of Select Annual Meeting    | 7:00 PM  | Truro Public Library |

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